

Fact Sheet



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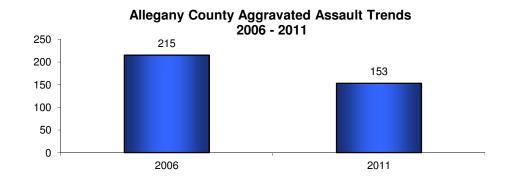
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Working to reduce violent crime in Maryland

Governor O'Malley's primary concern for the State of Maryland is to provide safety for its citizens. To date, Maryland has the lowest homicide and violent crime rates ever reported in the state. However, the real story can be told at the local level where the difficult work of addressing violent crime and supporting victims is done every day. Over the last 5 years, through unprecedented federal, state, and local law enforcement collaboration, Allegany County has seen a significant 11.0% reduction in violent crime. In addition, there have been significant reductions in aggravated assaults (-28.8%) and motor vehicle thefts (-48.3%).



ALLEGANY COUNTY MAKES AN IMPACT:

Now more than ever before, crime reduction depends on federal, state, and local collaboration. Real-time information sharing, more effective crime analysis, new technology, the strategic targeting of violent offenders, and improved community resources all contributed to Allegany County's success.

Governor O'Malley's Office of Crime Control and Prevention is currently funding 20 grants in Allegany County totaling \$753,999. As a result, Allegany County has been able to implement successful crime fighting strategies such as:

- ➤ Safe Streets Initiative The Cumberland Police Department received funding to establish its Safe Streets program in July 2012. This initiative is an offender-based model designed to dramatically reduce crime in a specific area by establishing close working partnerships across all levels of government. Working closely with GOCCP staff and operating as an integrated system, the Safe Streets Initiative focuses on violent crime and the core group of offenders who commit the majority of violent offense in their jurisdiction.
- ➤ Child Advocacy Center Jane's Place Inc.'s Child Advocacy Center provides a friendly facility whereby children who have been traumatized from physical and sexual abuse are interviewed and undergo medical examinations. The child victim is approached in a coordinated fashion to avoid the trauma of having to share the incident repeatedly with child welfare, mental health professionals, law enforcement, and prosecutors.

Key Initiatives

- Heightened Supervision of Violent Offenders
- CompStat on Demand
- Crime Analysis
- Crime Mapping
- Safe Streets
 Initiative
- Law Enforcement Technology
- Child Advocacy
 Center
- Domestic
 Violence Crisis &
 Support Services
- Family Violence Council
- Rape Crisis Intervention Services
- Sex Offender Monitoring
- Alternatives to Incarceration

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Family Crisis Resource Center Inc. - The Family Crisis Resource Center's (FCRC) Domestic Violence Crisis & Support Services program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to meet the needs of domestic violence victims and their families. The program provides a 24 hour hotline, safe shelter, crisis and supportive services, legal advocacy, mental health advocacy, social services, schools, Abuser Intervention Programs, medical accompaniment, community and outreach training, and counseling services.

The FCRC also has a Rape Crisis Intervention Services program which assists in the development and implementation of strategies intended to provide assistance to sexual assault victims in the state of Maryland. The program provides a 24 hour hotline, victim counseling, and legal, medical, and law enforcement support.

- Alternatives to Incarceration The Allegany County Sheriff's Office Salary Support Project provides alternatives to incarceration and/or fines for non-violent offenders and meets many community organizations' labor needs. Staff members coordinate work assignments and supervise non-violent offenders who have received community services as a pre-trial diversion or a post-trial sanction. The program serves the needs of the criminal justice system, the defendant, and the community concurrently.
- Live Scan The Allegany County Sheriff's Office Live Scan program ensures all area allied agencies have access to a Live Scan fingerprint system. Live Scan fosters inter-agency cooperation and communication between all Allegany County law enforcement entities.



"Allegany County's success in fighting crime shows the value of innovation and cooperation. Law enforcement agencies throughout the county have integrated their technology and information. As a result, they are able to provide much more effective and efficient police services to all county residents."

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